



# Michigan Autism Program

## Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Acronym	Term	Definition
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	An association comprised of pediatricians across the U.S. involved in different activities to optimize all aspects of health, including physical, mental, and social, for all children under the age of 18.
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	A process of systematically applying a variety of evidence-based practices to improve socially significant behavior (e.g. those important for successful functioning in a variety of environments). ABA is founded in the scientific principles of behavior and learning and includes, but is not limited to, functional communication training, discrete trial training, reinforcement, prompting, incidental teaching, schedules, naturalistic teaching, shaping, and pivotal response training.
ABI	Applied Behavioral Intervention	Per the Michigan 1915(i) State Plan Amendment, a less intensive and focal model of ABA where treatment is provided an average of 5 to 15 hours per week.
ABLLS-R	Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills Revised	An assessment tool and treatment guide used for the evaluation and instruction of language and critical learner skills for children with autism or other developmental disabilities.
ADI-R	Autism Diagnostic Interview - Revised	A structured interview tool that may be used to diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), plan treatment, and distinguish autism from other developmental disorders.
ADOS-2	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule	An instrument that may be used in the diagnostic and assessment process for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
AFLS	Assessment of Functional Living Skills	An assessment tool and treatment guide used for the evaluation and instruction of essential life skills so that individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or developmental delays may live independently.
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	A developmental disability affecting social skills, communication, and behavior. Abilities in these areas range depending on the individual.
	Asperger's Syndrome	An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) regarded as the "high functioning" end of the spectrum. Individuals typically have difficulty with social interactions, exhibit a restricted range of interests and/or repetitive behaviors, and show delayed motor development. However, individuals with Asperger's do not have significant delays or difficulties in language or cognitive development.
	Autistic Disorder	An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) characterized by severe deficits in social skills, communication, and adaptive behavior.



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BACB	Behavior Analyst Certification Board	A national nonprofit corporation established to coordinate BCBA-D, BCBA, BCaBA, and RBT credentials.
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst	A bachelor level certification for a person who may provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention, and behavioral observation and direction under the supervision of a BCBA-D or BCBA.
BCBA-D	Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral	A doctoral level certification for a person who may provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention, and behavioral observation and direction.
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	A master's level certification for a person who may provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention, and behavioral observation and direction.
BHT	Behavioral Health Treatment	The "umbrella" of behavioral interventions, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), which have been identified as evidence-based by nationally recognized research reviews and/or other nationally recognized substantial scientific and clinical evidence.
BPOC	Behavior Plan of Care	A behavior plan that defines how behavior goals in the child's IPOS will be attained.
BT	Behavior Technician	The individual responsible for the direct implantation of the BHT/ABA services under the supervision of a BCBA-D, BCBA, or BCaBA. A BT is not credentialed by the BACB.
BTPRC	Behavior Treatment Plan Review Committee	The BTPRC reviews and approves or disapproves treatment plans that propose to use restrictive or intrusive interventions with individuals served by the public mental health system who exhibit aggressive, self-injurious, or other challenging behaviors.
CBI	Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention	An intensive BHT service level where services are provided an average of 16 to 25 hours per week.
CMHSP	Community Mental Health Services Program	A government contracted entity that manages mental health services for people enrolled in Medicaid.
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	An agency within the Department of Health and Human Services who provide funds and guidelines to public insurances.
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology	A coding system used to report medical procedures and services in both private and public insurance programs.
DD	Developmental Disability/Disorder	A group of disabilities characterized by deficits in motor skills, learning, language, and behavior. These conditions arise during a child's development and impact their everyday functioning.
DD-CGAS	Developmental Disability Children's Global Assessment Scale	An evaluation tool used to determine the level of functioning of a child with a developmental disability



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		compared to neurotypical peers of the same chronological age.
DSM-4	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition	The fourth edition of the standard classification of mental disorders containing a listing of diagnostic criteria for every psychiatric disorder recognized by the U.S. healthcare system.
DSM-5	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition	The fifth edition of the standard classification of mental disorders containing a listing of diagnostic criteria for every psychiatric disorder recognized by the U.S. healthcare system.
EIBI	Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention	Per the Michigan 1915(i) State Plan Amendment, an intensive model of ABA where treatment is provided an average of 10 to 20 hours per week.
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Benefit	A benefit that provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under the age of 21 who also are enrolled in Medicaid.
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment	An assessment used to identify the function of certain behaviors of an individual with a developmental disability.
FBI	Focused Behavioral Intervention	A BHT service level where services are provided an average of 5 to 15 hours per week.
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	A coding system used in the billing process to CMS.
IDD	Intellectual Developmental Disability/Disorder	A developmental disability specifically characterized by deficits in intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior.
IEP	Individualized Education Program	A plan developed by a team, for eligible students with disabilities under state and federal special education law, that describes the offer of free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, including special education, and/or related services and/or supplementary aids and services.
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	A plan for infants and toddlers (birth-3) that includes early intervention services. The IFSP may also include special education if the child qualifies for special education.
IPOS	Individual Plan of Service	Developed through the Person Centered Planning (PCP) process, the IPOS includes information about the individual, goals and outcomes, and the services needed to achieve those goals and outcomes.
LP	Licensed Psychologist	A doctoral certification for a person who may provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention, and behavioral observation and direction.
LLP	Limited Licensed Psychologist	A master's level certification for a person who may provide behavioral assessment, behavioral intervention, and



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		behavioral observation and direction under the supervision of a BCBA.
M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	A screening tool used to help identify Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in children ages 16 months to 30 months.
MSA	Medical Services Administration	The office within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that has primary oversight of Michigan's Medicaid program, which includes administration of Medicaid programs.
MDHHS	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	The department responsible for health policy and management of the state's health, mental health, and substance use care system.
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified	An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) defined as having some but not all characteristics of ASD, such as social, communication, and/or behavior deficits. Occasionally, the individual will exhibit significant characteristics in one area but will show mild or no characteristics in another area.
PIHP	Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan	The entity responsible for managing behavioral health services for individuals enrolled in Medicaid.
RBT	Registered Behavior Technician	The individual responsible for the direct implantation of the BHT/ABA services under the supervision of a BCBA-D, BCBA, or BCaBA. A RBT is credentialed by the BACB.
SCQ	Social Communication Questionnaire	A screening tool used to help identify Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in children ages 4-6.
WSA	Web Support Application	The management tool used for enrollment and monitoring of various programs, including the Habilitation Supports Waiver, Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance, Children's Waiver Program, and Autism Program.
VB-MAPP	Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program	An assessment tool and treatment guide used for the evaluation and instruction of language skills for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other individuals who demonstrate language delays.